

September 23, 2024
Final Budget Hearing
Bonifay, Florida

The Holmes County Board of Commissioners met for a Final Budget Hearing on the above date with the following members present: Commissioner Clint Erickson, Commissioner Earl Stafford, Commissioner Phillip Music, and Commissioner Jeff Good, Chairman of the Board.

Nate Nolin, County Attorney, and David Corbin, Project Director, were present.

Angie Purvee, Finance Director, was present and kept the minutes.

Chairman Good called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. David Corbin, Project Director, led the prayer and pledge.

The first agenda item was Agenda Additions and Deletions. The following addition was made to the agenda:

- County Attorney Item A) Emergency Services Contract

Commissioner Stafford offered a motion to accept the amended agenda with Commissioner Music offering the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Pursuant to Public Notice, the Board held a public hearing to establish the final millage and budget. Chairman Good advised that the tentative millage was set at 9.4916 which is 7.67% greater than the rolled-back rate of 8.8155. The millage rate of 9.4916 is the current millage. By adopting the same rate for 2024-25 this generates a small increase in revenue which was needed to balance the General and Transportation Trust Funds. Nate Nolin, County Attorney, read Resolution 24-27 which adopts the final millage rate of 9.4916. The public was given an opportunity to ask questions regarding the millage rate and the effect on their taxes with no one responding. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion to adopt the resolution with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

(Resolution #24-27)

Chairman Good gave the public an opportunity to discuss changes to the 2024-2025 Final Budget.

Commissioner Erickson discussed giving the County employees a stipend using FEMA validated funds. Discussion of this matter included that the restricted 2024-2025 budget did not allow for pay increases to the County employees. Discussion also included the cost of the varying stipend amounts. The Board agreed by consensus to table this matter until the newly elected Commissioners are in attendance.

Angie Purvee, Finance Director, advised that the 2024-2025 constitutional salaries have not been certified by the State and she requested using next year's Board Contingencies to cover the salary increase. Commissioner Stafford offered a motion granting the request with Commissioner Erickson offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Angie Purvee, Finance Director, stated that the purchase of the Dogwood Lakes Boat Ramp has been delayed and requested increasing the 2024-2025 roll forward by \$55,000 to allow for the purchase next budget

year. Commissioner Stafford offered a motion granting the request with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion pass unanimously.

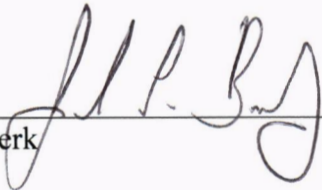
With no further discussion from the public, Attorney Nolin read Resolution #24-28 adopting a Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25 in the amount of \$31,483,662. Commissioner Stafford offered a motion to adopt the resolution with Commissioner Music offering a second. The motion passed unanimously.

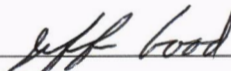
(Resolution #24-28)

(Final Budget)

Nate Nolin, County Attorney, advised that the notice of intent to contract with Wheeler Emergency Management Consulting for the County's disaster recovery services needs to be posted on the County's website for three days before an agreement can be executed. Discussion included entering into an emergency 90-day contract with Wheeler due to the storm brewing in the Gulf. Kenneth Williams, Wheeler Emergency Management, stated that the emergency contract would only be for services related to the current storm in the Gulf and no past projects. Mr. Williams suggested taking pictures or video of the County roads as evidence of their current condition before the storm event. Commissioner Erickson offered a motion for the Chairman to sign an emergency 90-day contract with Wheeler Emergency Management understanding that the new disaster recovery contract will supersede the emergency contract. Commissioner Stafford offered a second and the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business at this time the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.


Clerk


Chairman